

HOUSE BILL 463

By Staples

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,  
Chapter 3, relative to marriage by proxy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-302, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) Notwithstanding the requirement in subsection (a) that each party must make a declaration in the presence of a minister or officer, a person may designate a proxy to appear at the marriage ceremony if the person is a member of the armed forces of the United States stationed in another country in support of combat or another military operation.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-104, is amended by designating the existing language of subsection (a) as subdivision (a)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision (a)(2):

(A) If an applicant is a member of the armed forces of the United States stationed in another country in support of combat or another military operation, the applicant may submit a notarized statement containing the person's name, age, address in the United States, if applicable, and the names and addresses of the person's parents, guardian, or next of kin.

(B) If the person submitting a statement under subdivision (a)(2)(A) intends to designate a proxy to appear for the marriage ceremony pursuant to § 36-3-302(b), the statement must include the name and address of the proxy.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.